HOME READING.

IS IT POSSIBLE!

[illegible] footsore travellers,
[illegible] woful plight,
[illegible] sought at a wayside inn
[illegible] dark and stormy night.

"[illegible] no more," the landlord said,
[illegible] I to offer you;
[illegible] eight a single room,
[illegible] the ninth must serve for two."

[illegible] arose. The troubled host
[illegible] might only scratch his head;
[illegible] those tired men no two
[illegible] could occupy one bed.

[illegible] puzzled host was soon at ease—
He was a clever man—
[illegible] set to please his guests devised
This most ingenious plan:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I

[illegible] marked A two men were placed;
The third he lodged in B;
[illegible] fourth to C was then assigned—
The fifth retired to D.

To the sixth he tucked away,
To the seventh man;
[illegible] eighth and ninth in G and H,
And then to A he ran.

When in the host, as I have said,
Had laid two travellers by,
Taking one—the tenth and last,
He lodged him safe in I.

[illegible] single rooms—a room for each—
Were made to serve for ten,
[illegible] it is that puzzles me
And many wiser men.

—*Tablet.*

A New and Striking Argument for Temperance.

The anecdote is told of the celebrated Dr. Richardson, of London, that by a simple experiment he convinced an intelligent young man of the importance of total abstinence, when argument or appeal might have been in vain. The young man was singing the praises of the "social bumper," as he called it, and saying that it not only did him good but that he could not get through the day without it.

Without attempting a direct reply, Dr. Richardson said, "Will you be good enough to feel my pulse as I am standing here?"

He did so, and the doctor said, "Count carefully, and tell me what it says."

"Your pulse," was the reply, "beats seventy-four to the minute."

The doctor then sat down in a chair, and asked him to count it again. He did so, and said, "It has gone down to seventy."

The doctor then laid himself down on a lounge, and said, "Now count it again."

He did so, and exclaimed, "Why, it is only sixty-four; what an extraordinary thing!"

The doctor then said, "When you lie down at night, that is the way that it gives your heart rest. In sleep you know nothing about it, but that working organ is resting to that extent; and if you reckon it up, you will see at once that is a great deal of rest, because in going down the heart is doing ten strokes less every minute than before. Now multiply that by sixty, and it is six hundred; and multiply that number again by the eight hours you may give to sleep, and, within a fraction, it is five thousand strokes less than when you are awake. And as the heart throws out some six ounces of blood at every stroke or pulsation, it makes a difference of thirty thousand ounces, or nearly nineteen hundred pounds of lifting during the night, or nearly eleven millions of ounces, or almost seven hundred thousand pounds, of lifting in a single year; and this by so delicate an organ or instrument as the human heart. When I lie down at night without alcohol, that is the rest that my heart gets. But when you take your wine or whiskey, or grog of any kind, you do not get that rest, for the effect of alcohol or spirit is to increase the number of strokes; and instead of getting this rest you put on something like fifteen thousand extra strokes, or some ninety thousand ounces of extra lifting, in a single night; and the result is that you rise up weak and exhausted, and unfit for the next day's work if you have taken another drink, which, in the end, increases the exhaustion, and rapidly wears away the life itself."

The young man acknowledged that all this was perfectly true, though it had never before struck him in that light. He carefully reckoned up the figures, and finding what it meant to be lifting so many extra thousand ounces when he took a drink, he became a total abstainer, with every benefit, as he added to his purse, his health, and his happiness.

Here is a most striking and conclusive argument for teetotalism? Let every young man ponder it.—*Rev. Tryon Edwards, D. D., in Christian Weekly.*

The homesteads and small farms are multiplying in many localities: the movement is in two directions: one forward, and the other backward; the latter is among the blacks of the Gulf States, where they far outnumber the whites. The former among those in the Gulf States, including Georgia, there are far better conditions of life by way of a better climate, more activity to supply physical wants, more business enterprise, more social advantages, and stronger relief from the predominance of the blacks. These make a majority of the people have a somewhat hopeful look.

We doubt the success of white labor generally in the Gulf States, and believe that Chinese only could supplant the blacks, but that would hardly be attempted.

There is no doubt, danger that many whites in and around Louisiana will, as they are going, sink into decay, and relapse into barbarism disgraceful to the age, and alone from the condition of the blacks.

Lessons to be drawn from these facts as to the importance of labor training and industrial instruction for the colored race in the schools and institutions devoted to them.—*Iowa Workman.*

Tom's first attempt on roller skates, when they brought him to in the toilet room, he remarked: "I tell you, boys, it was gorgeous. I must have kicked a hole in the dome of heaven, the way the stars flew 'round. I wonder if any was left for the next man."—*Oil City Derrick.*

Miscellaneous Clippings.

PERHAPS the sausage is the connecting link—between man and dog.—*Burlington Free Press.*

A CHINESE proverb says: "A man thinks he knows, but a woman knows better." The Chinese must go.—*Oil City Derrick.*

EGYPT is one thousand miles long and only six miles wide. Must look something like Sarah Bernhardt.—*Philadelphia Call.*

OSCAR WILDE has written an ode to the sun. That is the reason the sun has been blushing so much recently.—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

"THERE'S nothing like leather"—except a piece of beef that was born and bred on a Vermont hillside pasture.—*Burlington (Vt.) Free Press.*

"WHAT shall I give my love?" asks a poet contributor in a ten-verse production. How would it do to give her the poem? We do not want it.—*Cincinnati Saturday Night.*

FOGG complains that he got nothing by complaining to his landlord. It was like putting a new piece of cloth into an old garment. The rent was made worse.—*Transcript.*

PUTTING it pleasantly: Sir Pompey's architect (producing a plan)—"There, Sir Pompey, I flatter myself I have made that drawing plain to even the meanest capacity!"—*London Punch.*

A POET hath remarked that "All paths lead to the grave." He undoubtedly referred to allopaths and homœopaths and hydropaths and the rest of the M. D. paths.—*Pittsburgh Telegraph.*

A PROFESSOR of French in a country school, recently asked a pupil what was the gender of "academy." The unusually bright pupil responded that it depended on whether it was a male or female academy.

IN view of the fact that Paris is wicked enough to make no protest against the publication of such a book as "Sarah Barnum," the American hog ought to be glad enough to stay away from there.—*Chicago Times.*

A TRAVELER, relating his adventures, told the company that he and his servant had made fifty wild Arabs run; which startling them, he observed there was no great matter in it, "for we ran, and they ran after us."

YOUNG lady, who is doing the Alps, reports progress to her guardian: "I tried yesterday to climb the Matterhorn—didn't reach the top. It is absurdly high—everything is in this country—please send me some more money."

To the editor of the Salad—I may have patched up a character or two, or I, perhaps, furnished a leg or an arm here and there, but I did not write the book.

DI CESNOLA, General.

—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

BROWN—"Confound it! Did you see me kiss this lady?" Boy—"Well, I'm not stone blind." Brown—Here's fifty cents—you needn't say—Boy—"Oh, it's all right. I've made over ten dollars off of her this summer and fall."—*Puck.*

"WHAT influence has the moon upon the tide?" asked the professor. The class wag replied that he didn't know exactly what influence it had upon the tied, but that it had a tendency to make the unfortunate spoony.—*Burlington Free Press.*

IN one of four sonnets by Swinburne, published in the *Fortnightly Review* under the cheerful title of "Post Mortem," occurs this shrill and sibilant series: "Spy, smirk, scoff, snap, snort, snivel, snarl, and sneer." Nice for a lithping perthon!

A GEORGIA paper tells of a daddy who listened for two hours while his daughter and her dudelet occupied one corner of the sofa, and this was the sole conversation: He—"If lovie die, what 'ud dovie do?" She—"Dovie die, too."—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

LATEST London slang expressions reported are "the boy" for champagne, and "fit as a rat" to describe one when in fine physical condition. We don't half like these, but by trying hard, perhaps, we may become used to them.—*Boston Transcript.*

A CERTAIN poetess is said to "make good jellies as well as good poetry." It is suggested that she also make a new departure—*i. e.*, send her jellies to newspaper offices and can her poems. Jellies discount poetry as "inside matter" every time.—*Norristown Herald.*

"SOUP?" said the waiter. "Yes, sir, there's *consommé* and a *purée* of beans—which will you have?" "I said soup," said the unsophisticated young man, "and I don't want none of yer konsomie and I don't want no puried beans. Soup, do yer hear? Soup."—*Hotel Mail.*

SCIENTISTS now boldly declare that this earth was peopled fifty millions years before Adam was born. We are not prepared to dispute this assertion in the least. We have always wondered how mankind could learn so much deviltry in only six thousand years.—*Lowell Citizen.*

PHILADELPHIA hotel-keepers seem to be about as mean as they make 'em. An exchange says that they paste the following notice over their gas jets: "The relatives and friends of guests who blow out the gas will have to pay for the amount of gas wasted before the body will be delivered."

THE following is said to be the set form of instructions that Missouri husbands give to new wives: "My dear, I'm a bad man from away back when aroused; but, gently treated, I'm as docile as a lamb. You just induce me to do always as I please, and there'll never be any trouble in the family."

To the editor of the Salad—Unless the bishop says that I am the author of the "Bread-Winners," I wish you would correct the general impression that I wrote the novel. If the bishop is under the impression that I am the author, I will admit it, for the sake of peace in the church.—*Heber Newton.*

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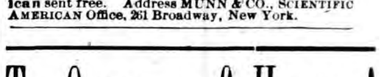

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